

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

3:10 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Representative Hildenbrand introduced students from the 86th legislative district who attended the meeting to represent the Lowell Future Farmers of America (FFA) and who are the FFA Agriculture Forum State Champions. The students provided a presentation regarding urban sprawl and land use. The mock news broadcast/debate discussed the possible annexation of Vergennes Township to the City of Lowell and provided information from the perspective of various city and township representatives as well as local residents. Questions were answered for Committee members and reflected the thorough amount of research conducted on the topic.

Under the direction of Kevin Nugent, representing the Lowell FFA, the students participating were: Julie Dunn, Kelly Foote, Katie Serne, Katie Ward, Marie Wade, Shelly Wernet and Michelle Wolf.

Representative Newell made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2005, supported by Representative Sheltroun. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:00 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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